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The mean temperature for the week ending Saturday, September 15th, was about normal in the eastern portion of the state, but in the central and western sections it was from 1 to 3 degrees below. On the 9th and 14th the temperature was considerably above the normal in all sections, but during the remainder of the week the weather was cool, light frosts occurring in some localities in the central and northern sections on the 11th and 12th, though no damage is reported. The percentage of sunshine was below the normal in the central and southwest sections, but elsewhere there was about the average amount. The precipitation was considerably in excess of the normal except in the northwest section where there was a slight deficiency. The average precipitation for the several sections was as follows: Northwest section, 0.50 inch; northeast section, 1.35 inches; central section, 2.66 inches; southeast section, 1.64 inches; and southwest section, 3.29 inches. In some of the central and southern counties very heavy rains are reported. At Columbia the total rainfall for the week was 4.25 inches; at Springfield 6.63 inches; at Mumfords, Greene county, 7.10 inches; and at Olden, Howell county, 4.35 inches. In portions of Knox, Scotland, Shelby and Daviess counties, however, there has not been sufficient rain as yet to make good stock water or put the ground in good condition to plow, and water is also scarce in portions of Pike, Sullivan and Ray counties. In Vernon county some grain in stack has been damaged by the heavy rains.

Late corn continues to improve in most of the central and southern counties, and in some localities in the northern sections. In Lafayette, Laclede, Pettis, Hickory and Barry counties corn in shock is being damaged by the wet weather.

In a number of the southwestern and a few of the southeastern counties the heavy rains have made the soil too wet to work, but in most counties plowing and seeding is progressing rapidly with the soil in good condition, and some of the early sown wheat is now coming up. In a few localities seeding will be delayed on account of chinch bugs. A few correspondents report that the acreage sown to wheat will be larger than usual, but as a rule it will be considerably reduced.

Pastures continue to improve in all sections and water is generally plentiful. Turnips are doing well though they will be late.

Sorghum making is progressing and the yield is generally good. Late potatoes have been much improved by the rains and a number of correspondents report a considerable improvement in winter apples, though in some places they are still falling badly.

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Among the other great things in Southeast Missouri Ed P. Caruthers, editor of the Dunklin Democrat at Kennett, mentions a mulberry tree in his county that measures twelve feet ten inches in circumference, a Dunklin county cabbage four feet across the head, a rattlesnake skin seven feet long with twenty-four rattles on it, and 2,500 untrilled Democrats who never scratch a nominee.

LA TOSCA

By Victorien Sardou.

CHAPTER III



ABOUT HALF AN hour's ride from Rome, in a pretty little villa, surrounded by orange trees and jasmine, lived one of the finest musical geniuses of his time, Sertorius. Late in the afternoon of the day on which Roswein's opera was to receive its initial representation, the old man, his hair whitened by the frosts of more than seventy years, sat, half reclining, in a large arm chair upon the veranda of his little home. His hands lay folded upon his lap, and his gaze through his half-closed lids was fixed upon the smiling landscape spread before him. At his feet, on a low stool, sat his daughter, Marta, a girl of 18, the child of his old age. Not exactly pretty, perhaps, but a face that attracted one instinctively from its native goodness and purity. She was engaged on a piece of embroidery, but ever and anon her hands would drop idly and she would cast an anxious, wistful glance on the white road which led to Rome.

"The old man laid his hand caressingly upon her head. 'I like your comparison, little one,' he said. 'The young girl rose and kissed him tenderly. Then, putting aside her work, she came and leaned against one of the pillars of the veranda. 'What a lovely evening! ' 'Isn't it? My dear. The longer I live here the more satisfied I am. I would not trade this humble cottage for the most splendid palaces of Bosphorus. Do you know,' he continued gravely, 'I have the most profound respect for the Roman who conceived the idea of elevating on this spot a temple to Fortune. It is supposed to have been Lucullus, and I fancy he must have thought of it on an evening like this, and I should be worse than a heathen if I did not, after my fashion, vow my temple to Fortune—I mean, my child, bow my head and thank God for his goodness to me. You must accept, Marta, that heaven has loaded me with benefits. ' 'Certainly," replied his daughter, absently, her eyes still fixed on the deserted roadway. ' 'Here am I, an old man," went on Sertorius, "arrived at that age when life loses for most men something of its value; and I have never enjoyed it more than I do now. ' He paused as if awaiting a response. 'There are very few men like you, dear father. ' 'There are very few," replied the old man slowly, "who are so implicitly robbed by the words of their apparent egotism. 'You are right, Marta. Isn't it miraculous that I have preserved, at 70 years old, the strength of an athlete? Still, I don't know if you have noticed it, my child, but I was endowed with a wonderful constitution. It seems as if nature, by a special favor, had violated for me her usual laws and given me both the strength of a Hercules and the genius of an Athenian. I mean by that word genius—don't misunderstand me, Marta. I mean only that natural love of the beautiful which distinguished the meanest citizens of the city of Pericles. I have no higher pretensions. ' The young girl turned toward him with a look upon her face which positively transfigured it and made her almost beautiful, so full was it of reverential love and tenderness. 'But I have them for you," she exclaimed. 'I am the daughter of a great artist and I am proud of it. ' The old man frowned, and replied, a trifle testily: 'If you don't wish to cause me great pain, my child, never join the name of your father with that detestable word, artist. You know how I despise it. Yet, more slowly, 'since you have said it, I will not deny it; the god of harmony certainly presided at my birth. Yes, there was a time when, without being taxed with presumption, I hoped that this poor name of Sertorius, vowed now to obscurity and disdain— ' 'Disdain, father!" exclaimed Marta, indignantly. 'You have no right to think so. Haven't I heard the Chevalier De Carnelles say twenty times that he considered you the greatest violinist and the finest composer of our times. ' Sertorius smiled a gratified smile, which he strove in vain to repress. 'Bah! Did De Carnelles say that? He is half a fool, and what is worse, a man wholly wanting in manners; still, he does understand music, I'll acknowledge that. The greatest violinist! No! He should have heard Battorelli. But where could he have heard me? For, for twenty years, except when we were alone, my daughter, I don't think I have played a note. Ah! yes! I remember that one day, yielding to the entreaties of this madman, I played for him upon the violoncello part of a theme of my own composition. He remembers it, then? ' 'He remembers it so well that he has passed many an evening under the window there, hoping to hear you again. He puts on the jacket and cap of a fisherman and plants himself in the shade of that jasmine, like a Spanish lover. Gertrude and I have seen him. ' At this, the old man broke into the laugh of a delighted child. 'Ah! the traitor!" he cried. 'And for a simple theme like that! I would like to know what he would say or do, if I played him only a few bars of my Hymn of Calvary. ' 'And when shall I hear that famous Hymn of Calvary? ' 'The eve of your wedding, my child, as I have promised you. You are capable of appreciating it now, but I prefer to reserve it for that occasion. Ah! that will be a happy moment, little one. ' Marta, after one more wistful glance toward the city, came and stood behind the old man's chair, the two figures of youth and age forming a charming picture in the rays of the setting sun. 'But," she said, in a voice that trembled a little, 'if I should not marry, shall I never hear it? ' 'Why shouldn't you marry?" asked her father, looking up in her face. 'You are clever and attractive, though a little grave for so young a girl. And although, thank heaven, you will never have to utilize them, you possess musical talents far above the average. You will bring to your husband's hearth every domestic virtue. And joined to all this, your three hundred crowns a year, the annual revenue of my lessons, and this little house, which I intend to give up to you— ' 'Father? ' 'Of course," patting her hand gently, 'begging you to keep a little corner for me, for, without you, my daughter, I should have no enjoyment in life. You make the music of my existence. So, with all that, I ask what can prevent you from marrying? ' Marta, smiling, but a little embarrassed, knelt down by his knee. 'But, father," she said, 'indeed you think too well of me, you would be too difficult to please, too ambitious for me. ' 'Ambitious! Good Heavens! What ambition can I have in this world except to see you happy? When a young man pleases you, whoever he is, I will open my arms to him, without a word. ' Marta paused a moment, and then, looking up into her father's face with great serious eyes, repeated earnestly: 'Whoever he is? ' 'Whoever he is," repeated the old man, firmly. 'Such is my confidence in your taste and judgment, that you have chosen him for my son-in-law will be enough for me. As for his profession and his social condition I care little; rich or poor, prince or peasant, it matters not to me; only understand

this, Marta, he must not have any connection with that detestable class of artists. ' At this Marta shivered a little and turned away to hide the shade of pallor that crept over her face. 'Choose freely, then, my child; and since we are on this subject, have you no confidence to give me? I would hear it with pleasure, my dear. ' 'No," she said, rising to her feet; 'it is useless to speak of it. But look, how beautiful the sunset is, father. ' Sertorius was silent for a moment, thinking perhaps how symmetrical the great ball of gold slowly sinking below the horizon was of his own life so near its setting also. 'Yes," he said finally. 'A poet would say that the divine Phoebus was making a stairway of gold to descend to the watery palaces of the blonde mermaids. There! Scold me, scold your old father for his nonsense, my dear. Ah! I will give that idea to Karl for his opera. I am afraid he will find it too classical, though. ' Marta turned with an intense look upon her face and said slowly: 'By the way, isn't it strange, father, that we have not seen Signor Roswein for more than a week? ' 'Not at all! Not at all!" he answered lightly. 'He is very busy. To be poet and composer at once is no slight task. Poor Karl! He mustn't work too hard. He isn't very strong. ' 'You have not heard that he is ill?" she asked, quickly. 'Oh! no; quite the contrary. Chevalier De Carnelles, who nearly drove me over in the street yesterday, cried out from his carriage: 'Good day, maestro, Karl is doing splendidly. ' Then he shouted some words which I could not understand. That De Carnelles is a regular whirlwind. But what is the matter?" noticing for the first time her anxious look. 'You seem troubled. ' Marta went to the table and taking a newspaper handed it to Sertorius. 'You haven't seen this paper, father. It announces for this evening the first performance of Signor Roswein's opera. ' 'For this evening?" cried the old man. 'It is impossible, Marta. ' 'See! There it is! I have thought of nothing else all day. ' In an unsteady voice, and holding the paper with hands which trembled with emotion, the old man read: 'This evening, first performance of the Siege of Granada, opera in three acts, words and music by the young Dalmatian maestro, Karl Roswein. The presence of the court will add brilliancy to the occasion. The maestro, already well known in Rome by many beautiful compositions, is the favorite pupil of the famous Sertorius. ' 'Ah!" he said, letting the paper fall to the ground. 'That is what the Chevalier wished to tell me. It is well, my child. ' 'It is hardly credible, father," murmured Marta, 'that Signor Roswein has not sent you a ticket for this performance. ' Sertorius raised his head proudly, and in a voice from which he could not repress all the bitterness, replied: 'Why not? Didn't you hear? The court will be there. What does he want of us? The famous Sertorius! My favorite pupil! and grateful! Oh! of course. ' The old man's indignation was interrupted at this moment by a step in the doorway behind him, and a clear ringing voice called out: 'An ingrate! Who is an ingrate? Tell me who. ' In another moment, Roswein had grasped both his hands and was wringing them violently.

(To Be Continued.)

Missourians To The Front.

George F. Patrick and S. H. White, both Missourians, were nominated for district judges in the tenth judicial district of Colorado, last Saturday by a Democratic convention assembled at Pueblo. We take great pleasure in mentioning the name of Mr. Patrick in this connection because we are personally acquainted with him, and know he is worthy of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. He is a native of Howard county, a son of the late Larkin Patrick, and a brother of B. J. Patrick, who lives five miles north of Keytesville. He is a graduate of Central college and of the Warrensburg Normal school, also of the National University of Law, at Washington, D. C., where he bore away the highest honors of his class and received his diploma for both master and bachelor of laws, in 1890. While taking the law course, at Washington, he was at the same time congressional delegate from New Mexico to which territory he went from Colorado in 1886. We make such extensive mention of this young man, 38 years old, to show what determination, pluck and energy will do for their possessor.

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